UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE DIVISION

Rachel Genaro-Meza Case No.

Plaintiff,

v.

Accelerated Collection Services, Inc.

Defendant.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
UNDER THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION
PRACTICES ACT AND OTHER
EQUITABLE RELIEF

JURY DEMAND ENDORSED HEREIN

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff is a natural person who resided in Bellevue, WA at all times relevant to this action.
- 2. Defendant is a Washington corporation that maintained its principal place of business in Auburn, WA at all times relevant to this action.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331, this Court has federal question jurisdiction over this matter as it arises under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b), venue is proper because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this claim occurred in this judicial district.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 5. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant engaged in the business of consumer debt collection.
- 6. Defendant regularly uses the telephone and mail to collect consumer debts that Defendant either purchased or had been hired to collect.

- 7. The principal source of Defendant's revenue is debt collection.
- 8. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- As described below, Defendant contacted Plaintiff about an obligation that Plaintiff allegedly
 owed to Overlake Hospital Medical Center, which had been incurred for personal rather than
 commercial purposes.
- 10. This alleged obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
- 11. As described below, Defendant attempted to collect the debt from Plaintiff, and in so doing, has alleged that Plaintiff owed the debt.
- 12. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
- 13. On or around March 21, 2011, Plaintiff telephoned Defendant.
- 14. During this communication, Defendant threatened to sue Plaintiff.
- 15. At the time of these communications, Defendant had neither the intent nor ability to sue Plaintiff.
- 16. Defendant caused Plaintiff emotional distress.
- 17. Defendant violated the FDCPA.

COUNT ONE

Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

- 18. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e by using false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of the debt.
- 19. In support hereof, Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 13-15 as if specifically stated herein.

JURY DEMAND

20. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 21. Plaintiff prays for the following relief:
 - a. Judgment against Defendant for actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k.
 - b. For such other legal and/or equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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